

House Study Bill 618

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [22.7](#), Code Supplement 1999, is amended
1 2 by adding the following new subsection:

1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Preliminary findings, reports of
1 4 these preliminary findings, and investigative reports of the
1 5 state medical examiner, resulting from the conducting of an
1 6 autopsy. However, the date, time, specific location, and
1 7 immediate facts and circumstances surrounding a crime or
1 8 incident, related to a death that affects the public interest
1 9 as defined in section 331.802, shall not be kept confidential
1 10 under this subsection, except if disclosure would plainly and
1 11 clearly jeopardize an investigation or pose a clear and
1 12 present danger to the public safety or the safety of an
1 13 individual.

1 14 Sec. 2. Section [125.14](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as
1 15 follows:

1 16 125.14 LICENSES RENEWAL FEES.

1 17 The commission shall meet to consider all cases involving
1 18 initial issuance, and renewal, denial, suspension, or
1 19 revocation of a license. The department shall issue a license
1 20 to an applicant who the commission determines meets the
1 21 licensing requirements of this chapter. Licenses shall expire
1 22 no later than two years from the date of issuance and shall be
1 23 renewed upon timely application made in the same manner as for
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- initial issuance of a license unless notice of
1 25 nonrenewal is given to the licensee at least thirty days prior
1 26 to the expiration of the license. The department shall not
1 27 charge a fee for licensing or renewal of programs contracting
1 28 with the department for provision of treatment services. A
1 29 fee may be charged to other licensees.

1 30 Sec. 3. Section [125.15](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as
1 31 follows:

1 32 125.15 INSPECTION OF LICENSEES.

1 33 The department

~~shall~~

- may inspect the facilities and review
1 34 the procedures utilized by

~~each licensed program~~

- any chemical
1 35 substitutes or antagonists program, residential program, or
2 1 nonresidential outpatient program that has as a primary
2 2 purpose the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abusers
2 3 or chronic substance abusers, for the purpose of ensuring
2 4 compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to
2 5 this chapter. The examination and review may include case
2 6 record audits and interviews with staff and patients,
2 7 consistent with the confidentiality safeguards of state and
2 8 federal law.

2 9 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 135.30A BREASTFEEDING IN PUBLIC
2 10 PLACES.

2 11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
2 12 a mother may, with the maximum amount of discretion possible,

2 13 breast-feed the mother's child in any public place where the
2 14 mother's presence is otherwise authorized.
2 15 Sec. 5. Section [135.105C](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as
2 16 follows:
2 17 135.105C RENOVATION, REMODELING, AND REPAINTING LEAD
2 18 HAZARD NOTIFICATION PROCESS ESTABLISHED.
2 19 1. A person who performs renovation, remodeling, or
2 20 repainting services of

~~targeted~~

- ~~target~~ housing for

2 21 compensation shall provide an approved lead hazard information
2 22 pamphlet to the owner and occupant of the housing prior to
2 23 commencing the services.
2 24 2. For the purpose of this section, "

~~targeted~~

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2 25 housing" means housing constructed prior to 1978 with the
2 26 exception of housing for the elderly or for persons with
2 27 disabilities and housing that does not contain a bedroom,
2 28 unless at least one child, under six years of age

~~or less~~

2 29 resides or is expected to reside in the housing

~~, and housing~~

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~~which does not contain a bedroom~~

- The department shall adopt

2 31 rules to implement the renovation, remodeling, and repainting
2 32 lead hazard notification process.

2 33 Sec. 6. Section [136C.10](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as
2 34 follows:

2 35 136C.10 FEES.

3 1 The department shall establish and collect fees for the
3 2 licensing and amendment of licenses for radioactive materials,
3 3 the registration of radiation machines, the periodic
3 4 inspection of radiation machines and radioactive materials,
3 5 and the implementation of section 136C.3, subsection 2. Fees
3 6 shall be established in amounts sufficient to defray the cost
3 7 of administering this chapter and are appropriated to and
3 8 shall be retained by the department. The license fee may
3 9 include the cost of environmental surveillance activities to
3 10 assess the radiological impact of activities conducted by
3 11 licensees.

~~Fees collected shall be remitted to the treasurer~~

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~~of state who shall deposit the funds in the general fund of~~

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~~the state.~~

- When a registrant or licensee fails to pay the

3 14 applicable fee the department may suspend or revoke the
3 15 registration or license or may issue an appropriate order.
3 16 Fees for the license, amendment of a license, and inspection
3 17 of radioactive material shall not exceed the fees prescribed
3 18 by the United States nuclear regulatory commission.

3 19 Sec. 7. Section [141A.6](#), subsection 6, paragraph e, Code
3 20 Supplement 1999, is amended to read as follows:

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- ~~and~~ ethnicity of the patient.

3 22 Sec. 8. Section [141A.8](#), subsection 1, Code Supplement
3 23 1999, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in
3 24 lieu thereof the following:

3 25 1. If a care provider in the course of providing care
3 26 sustains a significant exposure on the premises of a health
3 27 facility or while engaged in rendering aid or providing
3 28 transportation to an individual in circumstances which lead to
3 29 the individual's presence at a health facility, the individual
3 30 to whom the care provider was exposed is deemed to consent to
3 31 a test to be administered by the health facility upon the
3 32 submission of a significant exposure report by the exposed
3 33 care provider for the express purpose of determining the
3 34 presence of HIV infection in that individual and notifying the
3 35 health care provider of the HIV test results of the
4 1 individual. The sample and test results shall only be
4 2 identified by a number and no reports otherwise required by
4 3 this chapter shall be made which identify the individual
4 4 tested. However, if the test results are positive, the health
4 5 facility shall notify the individual tested and ensure the
4 6 performance of counseling and reporting requirements of this
4 7 chapter in the same manner as for an individual from whom
4 8 actual consent was obtained.

4 9 Sec. 9. Section [141A.8](#), subsection 7, Code Supplement
4 10 1999, is amended by striking the subsection.

4 11 Sec. 10. Section [141A.8](#), subsection 9, Code Supplement
4 12 1999, is amended to read as follows:

4 13 9. Notifications made pursuant to this section shall not
4 14 disclose the identity of the individual who is diagnosed or
4 15 confirmed as having HIV infection unless the individual
4 16 provides a specific written release

~~as provided in subsection~~

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~~1, paragraph "b"~~

- If the care provider determines the
4 18 identity of the individual, the identity of the individual
4 19 shall be confidential information and shall not be disclosed
4 20 by the care provider to any other person unless a specific
4 21 written release is obtained from the individual.

4 22 Sec. 11. Section [144.43](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as
4 23 follows:

4 24 [144.43](#) VITAL RECORDS CLOSED TO INSPECTION EXCEPTIONS.
4 25 1. To protect the integrity of vital statistics records,
4 26 to ensure their proper use, and to ensure the efficient and
4 27 proper administration of the vital statistics system kept by
4 28 the state registrar, access to vital statistics records kept
4 29 by the state registrar shall be limited to the state registrar
4 30 and the state registrar's employees, and then only for
4 31 administrative purposes. It shall be unlawful for the state
4 32 registrar to permit inspection of, or to disclose information
4 33 contained in vital statistics records, or to copy or permit to
4 34 be copied all or part of any such record except as authorized
4 35 by regulation.

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~~However~~

- Notwithstanding subsection 1, the following

5 2 vital statistics records may be inspected and copied as of
5 3 right under chapter 22 when they are in the custody of a
5 4 county registrar

~~or when they are in the custody of the state~~

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~~archivist and are at least seventy five years old~~

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- a. A record of birth if the record is at least ninety-
5 7 five years old and the person making the request has a
5 8 verifiable, direct, and tangible interest, as defined by rule
5 9 of the department, in the record.
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- b. A record of marriage.
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- c. A record of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or
5 12 annulment of marriage.
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- d. A record of death if that death was not a fetal
5 14 death.
5 15 3. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the following vital
5 16 statistics records may be inspected and copied as of right
5 17 under chapter 22, when they are in the custody of the state
5 18 archivist:
5 19 a. A record of birth if the record is at least ninety-five
5 20 years old.
5 21 b. A record of marriage if the record is at least fifty
5 22 years old.
5 23 c. A record of divorce, dissolution of marriage, or
5 24 annulment of marriage if the record is at least fifty years
5 25 old.
5 26 d. A record of death if that death was not a fetal death
5 27 and the record is at least fifty years old.
5 28 4. Notwithstanding subsection 3, paragraph "a", existing
5 29 records open for inspection and copying on or before January
5 30 1, 2000, shall remain open for inspection and available for
5 31 copying under chapter 22.
5 32 5. A public record shall not be withheld from the public
5 33 because it is combined with data processing software. The
5 34 state registrar shall not implement any electronic data
5 35 processing system for the storage, manipulation, or retrieval
6 1 of vital records that would impair a county registrar's
6 2 ability to permit the examination of a public record and the
6 3 copying of a public record, as established by rule. If it is
6 4 necessary to separate a public record from data processing
6 5 software in order to permit the examination of the public
6 6 record, the county registrar shall periodically generate a
6 7 written log available for public inspection which contains the
6 8 public record.

6 9 Sec. 12. Section [148.5](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as
6 10 follows:

6 11 148.5 RESIDENT PHYSICIAN LICENSE.

6 12 A physician, who is a graduate of a medical school and is
6 13 serving as a resident physician who is not otherwise licensed
6 14 to practice medicine and surgery in this state, shall be
6 15 required to obtain from the medical examiners a license to
6 16 practice as a resident physician. The license shall be
6 17 designated "Resident Physician License" and shall authorize
6 18 the licensee to serve as a resident physician only, under the
6 19 supervision of a licensed practitioner of medicine and surgery

6 20 or osteopathic medicine and surgery, in an institution
6 21 approved for such training by the medical examiners.

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6 22 license shall be valid for

~~one year and may be renewed at the~~

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~~discretion of the medical examiners~~

~~a duration as determined~~

6 24 by the board. The fee for each license shall be set by the

6 25 medical examiners to cover the administrative costs of issuing

6 26 the license

~~, and if extended beyond one year, a renewal fee as~~

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~~set by the medical examiners shall be required~~

~~The medical~~

6 28 examiners shall determine in each instance those eligible for

6 29 a license, whether or not examinations shall be given, and the

6 30 type of examinations.

~~No requirements~~

~~Requirements of the law~~

6 31 pertaining to regular permanent licensure shall not be

6 32 mandatory for a resident physician license except as

6 33 specifically designated by the medical examiners. The

6 34 granting of a resident physician license does not in any way

6 35 indicate that the person

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~~licensed is necessarily eligible~~

7 1 for regular permanent licensure, nor are the medical examiners

7 2 in any way obligated to

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~~the individual.~~

7 3 Sec. 13. Section 148A.6, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code

7 4 1999, is amended by striking the paragraph.

7 5 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 148B.3A OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

7 6 REFERRAL.

7 7 Occupational therapy may be provided by an occupational

7 8 therapist without referral from a physician, podiatric

7 9 physician, dentist, or chiropractor, except that a hospital

7 10 may require that occupational therapy provided in the hospital

7 11 be performed only following prior review by and authorization

7 12 of the performance of the occupational therapy by a member of

7 13 the hospital medical staff.

7 14 Sec. 15. Section 148B.5, subsection 1, paragraph a,

7 15 subparagraph (1), Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

7 16 (1) For an occupational therapist, the program must be one

7 17 accredited by the

~~American medical association in~~

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~~collaboration with~~

~~accreditation council for occupational~~

7 19 therapy education of the American occupational therapy
7 20 association.

7 21 Sec. 16. Section 150A.9, Code 1999, is amended to read as
7 22 follows:

7 23 150A.9 RESIDENT LICENSE.

7 24 An osteopathic physician and surgeon who is a graduate of a
7 25 college of osteopathic medicine and surgery and is serving as
7 26 a resident physician and who is not licensed to practice
7 27 osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state, shall be
7 28 required to obtain from the medical examiners a license to
7 29 practice as a resident osteopathic physician and surgeon. The
7 30 license shall be designated "Resident Osteopathic Physician
7 31 and Surgeon License", and shall authorize the licensee to
7 32 serve as a resident physician only, under the supervision of a
7 33 licensed practitioner of osteopathic medicine and surgery or
7 34 licensed practitioner of medicine and surgery, in an
7 35 institution approved for such training by the medical
8 1 examiners. A license shall be valid for

~~one year and may be~~

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~~renewed at the discretion of the medical examiners~~
~~a duration~~

8 3 as determined by the board. The fee for each license shall be
8 4 set by the medical examiners and based on the administrative
8 5 cost of issuing the license

~~, and if extended beyond one year,~~

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~~a renewal fee shall be required~~

-. The medical examiners shall

8 7 determine in each instance those eligible for a license,
8 8 whether or not examinations shall be given, and the type of
8 9 examinations.

~~No requirements~~

- Requirements of the law

8 10 pertaining to regular permanent licensure shall not be
8 11 mandatory for a resident osteopathic physician and surgeon's
8 12 license except as specifically designated by the medical
8 13 examiners. The granting of a resident osteopathic physician
8 14 and surgeon's license does not in any way indicate that the
8 15 person

~~so~~

- licensed is necessarily eligible for regular

8 16 permanent licensure, nor are the medical examiners in any way
8 17 obligated to

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- license

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- the individual.

8 18 Sec. 17. Section 154A.11, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
8 19 1999, is amended to read as follows:

8 20 All examinations in theory shall be in writing and the
8 21 identity of the person taking the examination shall be
8 22 concealed until after the examination papers have been graded.
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~~For examinations in practice, the identity of the person~~

~~taking the examination shall also be concealed as far as~~

~~possible.~~

8 26 Sec. 18. Section [154A.12](#), subsections 2, 5, and 6, Code
8 27 1999, are amended by striking the subsections.

8 28 Sec. 19. Section [154C.3](#), subsection 1, paragraph c,
8 29 subparagraph (1), Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

8 30 (1) Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work
8 31 from an accredited college or university approved by the
8 32 board.

8 33 Sec. 20. Section [156.4](#), subsections 4 and 5, Code 1999,
8 34 are amended to read as follows:

8 35 4. Written

~~and oral~~

~~examinations for a funeral director's~~

9 1 license shall be held at least once a year at a time and place
9 2 to be designated by the board. The examination shall include
9 3 the subjects of funeral directing, burial or other disposition
9 4 of dead human bodies, sanitary science, embalming, restorative
9 5 art, anatomy, public health, transportation, business ethics,
9 6 and such other subjects as the board may designate.

9 7 5. After the applicant

~~shall have~~

~~has completed~~

9 8 satisfactorily the course of instruction in mortuary science
9 9 in an accredited school approved by the board, the applicant
9 10 must pass the examination prescribed by the board as provided
9 11 in section 147.34. The applicant may then receive an
9 12 internship certificate and shall then complete a minimum one-
9 13 year internship as determined by the board.

~~After completion~~

~~of the internship, the applicant shall demonstrate proficiency~~

~~as directed by the board.~~

9 16 Sec. 21. NEW SECTION. 156.8A STUDENT PRACTICUM.

9 17 The board, by rule, shall provide for practicums in
9 18 mortuary science for students available through any school
9 19 accredited by the American board of funeral service education
9 20 and shall regulate the registration, training, and fees for
9 21 such practicums.

9 22 Sec. 22. Section [595.13](#), Code 1999, is amended to read as
9 23 follows:

9 24 595.13 CERTIFICATE RETURN.

9 25 After the marriage has been solemnized, the officiating
9 26 minister or magistrate shall

~~1. Give each of the parties a certificate of the same.~~

~~2. Make~~

- return

~~of~~

- the certificate of marriage within

9 29 fifteen days to the county registrar

~~, who issued~~

- issuing the

9 30 marriage license upon the blank provided for that purpose.

9 31 Sec. 23. Section [691.6](#), Code Supplement 1999, is amended

9 32 by adding the following new subsections:

9 33 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. To collect autopsy fees as established

9 34 by rule and the fees are appropriated to the state medical

9 35 examiner. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any fees collected by

10 1 the state medical examiner that remain unexpended at the end

10 2 of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the

10 3 state.

10 4 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. To conduct an inquiry, investigation,

10 5 or hearing and administer oaths and receive testimony under

10 6 oath relative to the matter of inquiry, investigation, or

10 7 hearing, and to subpoena witnesses and require the production

10 8 of records, papers, and documents pertinent to the death

10 9 investigation.

10 10 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. To adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A

10 11 relating to the duties, responsibilities, and operations of

10 12 the office of the state medical examiner and shall specify the

10 13 duties, responsibilities, and operations of the county medical

10 14 examiner in relationship to the office of the state medical

10 15 examiner.

10 16 Sec. 24. Section [801.4](#), subsection 11, Code 1999, is

10 17 amended by adding the following new paragraph after paragraph

10 18 i:

10 19 NEW PARAGRAPH. ii. The state medical examiner, a deputy

10 20 medical examiner, and employees of the office of the state

10 21 medical examiner as designated by state medical examiner.

10 22 Sec. 25. STUDY NEEDLESTICK PROTECTION. The Iowa

10 23 department of public health, in cooperation with the labor

10 24 commissioner, shall conduct a study of state and federal laws

10 25 and regulations relating to protection of persons who may be

10 26 at risk of needlestick injuries in the course of employment.

10 27 The study shall include the review of the current national

10 28 institute for occupational safety and health of the centers

10 29 for disease control and prevention recommendations to reduce

10 30 workplace needlestick injuries. The department shall submit a

10 31 report to the governor and the general assembly by December

10 32 15, 2000, which shall include any recommendations for changes

10 33 in state law or rules, which are not in conflict with federal

10 34 law or regulations, to improve protective measures relating to

10 35 needlestick injuries.

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EXPLANATION

11 2 This bill makes changes relating to programs under the

11 3 purview of the Iowa department of public health and related

11 4 health professional licensing and regulatory boards.

11 5 The amendment to Code section 22.7 provides the state

11 6 medical examiner with similar protection, as was provided to

11 7 the state medical examiner under the department of public

11 8 safety for preliminary findings, reports of the findings, and

11 9 investigations related to autopsies.

11 10 The amendment to Code section 125.14 requires the

11 11 commission on substance abuse to specifically review requests

11 12 for initial licensure and renewal of licensure of a chemical

11 13 substance abuse facility, in addition to the existing

11 14 requirement for review of issuance, denial, suspension, or

11 15 revocation of licensure.

11 16 The amendment to Code section 125.15 strikes the

11 17 requirement to inspect licensed facilities but broadens the
11 18 authority of the department to inspect any substance abuse
11 19 treatment program to ensure compliance with applicable laws
11 20 and rules.

11 21 New Code section 135.30A authorizes a mother to breast-feed
11 22 the mother's child in a public place, where the mother's
11 23 presence is otherwise authorized, if breastfeeding is provided
11 24 with the maximum amount of discretion possible.

11 25 The amendment to Code section 135.105C corrects the
11 26 reference to "targeted housing" to read "target housing" for
11 27 the purposes of lead-poisoned children, and provides that the
11 28 provisions apply to a child under six years of age.

11 29 The amendment to Code section 136C.10 provides that fees
11 30 associated with the licensure of radioactive materials,
11 31 machines, and their inspection are appropriated to the
11 32 department.

11 33 The amendment to Code section 141A.6 provides that
11 34 information reported to the department relating to HIV is to
11 35 include both race and ethnicity.

12 1 The amendments to Code section 141A.8, which relates to
12 2 notifying a care provider who has had a significant exposure
12 3 to an individual of the individual's HIV status, delete the
12 4 requirements to be met in obtaining consent from an individual
12 5 to be tested following the submission of a significant
12 6 exposure report by a care provider. The changes would result
12 7 in the individual being deemed to have provided consent to an
12 8 HIV test following submission of a significant exposure report
12 9 by the care provider. The bill also provides that the results
12 10 of the test may be shared with the care provider.

12 11 The amendment to Code section 144.43 makes changes relating
12 12 to vital records inspections. Currently, records of birth,
12 13 marriage, divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment of
12 14 marriage, or death if not a fetal death, in the custody of the
12 15 county registrar or the state archivist, must be at least 75
12 16 years old to be inspected and copied as of right under Code
12 17 chapter 22. The bill establishes that birth records in the
12 18 custody of the county registrar must be at least 95 years old
12 19 (as opposed to the existing requirement of at least 75 years
12 20 old) and the person making the request must have a verifiable,
12 21 direct, and tangible interest in the record. A record of
12 22 marriage, divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment of
12 23 marriage, or death if not a fetal death, in the custody of the
12 24 county registrar, under the bill, would now be available for
12 25 inspection and copying as of right under Code chapter 22
12 26 without any time period restrictions. Additionally, under the
12 27 bill, records of birth in the custody of the state archivist
12 28 must be at least 95 years old (as opposed to the existing
12 29 requirement of at least 75 years old), and records of
12 30 marriage, divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment of
12 31 marriage, or death if not a fetal death, must be at least 50
12 32 years old (as opposed to the existing requirement of at least
12 33 75 years old) to be inspected and copied as of right under
12 34 Code chapter 22. The bill also provides that all such records
12 35 existing on or before January 1, 2000, that were open for
13 1 inspection and copying at that time, are to remain open for
13 2 inspection and copying.

13 3 The amendment to Code section 148.5 changes the period of
13 4 licensure for resident physicians from one year to a period as
13 5 determined by the board of medical examiners.

13 6 The amendment to Code section 148A.6 eliminates the right
13 7 of a physical therapist assistant to petition the physical
13 8 therapy examiners board for a waiver of the education
13 9 requirements otherwise required.

13 10 New Code section 148B.3A provides that occupational
13 11 therapists may provide occupational therapy without referral
13 12 from a physician, podiatric physician, dentist, or
13 13 chiropractor, except that a hospital may require review and

13 14 authorization by a member of the hospital medical staff prior
13 15 to performance of the occupational therapy.

13 16 The amendment to Code section 148B.5 corrects language
13 17 relating to the organization specified to accredit
13 18 occupational therapy education programs.

13 19 The amendment to Code section 150A.9 changes the period of
13 20 licensure for osteopathic physicians and surgeons from one
13 21 year to a period as determined by the board of medical
13 22 examiners.

13 23 The amendments to Code sections 154A.11 and 154A.12
13 24 eliminate the use of practical examinations for licensure of
13 25 audiologists.

13 26 The amendment to Code section 154C.3 requires an applicant
13 27 for licensure as an independent social worker to possess a
13 28 master's or doctoral degree specifically in social work.

13 29 The amendments to Code section 156.4 eliminate oral
13 30 examinations and an internship proficiency requirement for
13 31 licensure as a funeral director.

13 32 New Code section 156.8A provides for the establishment of
13 33 practicums in mortuary science through rule of the board of
13 34 mortuary science examiners and directs the board, by rule, to
13 35 regulate the registration, training, and fees for such
14 1 practicums.

14 2 The amendment to Code section 595.13 eliminates the
14 3 required issuance of a copy of a marriage certificate by the
14 4 officiating minister or magistrate to the parties to the
14 5 marriage.

14 6 The amendment to Code section 691.6 expands the duties of
14 7 the state medical examiner. The bill authorizes the state
14 8 medical examiner to retain fees associated with autopsies and
14 9 stipulates that any funds collected by the state medical
14 10 examiner, which remain unexpended at the end of the state
14 11 fiscal year, are not to revert to the general fund of the
14 12 state. The bill authorizes the state medical examiner to
14 13 conduct death investigations, inquiries, and hearings, and
14 14 provides the office with administrative subpoena power. The
14 15 bill directs the state medical examiner to adopt
14 16 administrative rules governing the state medical examiners
14 17 office and the relationship between the state office and
14 18 county medical examiners.

14 19 The amendment to Code section 801.4 provides that the state
14 20 medical examiner, a deputy of the state medical examiner, and
14 21 any employee of the office of the state medical examiner
14 22 designated by the state medical examiner, are included in the
14 23 definition of a peace officer.

14 24 The bill directs the Iowa department of public health in
14 25 cooperation with the labor commissioner to conduct a study of
14 26 state and federal laws and regulations relating to protection
14 27 of persons who may be at risk of needlestick injuries in the
14 28 course of employment, with a report to be submitted to the
14 29 governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2000.

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